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REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Republican National Committee will be held at the Arlington Hotel, in Washington, D. C., on Wednesday, December 17, next, at 12 o'clock, for the purpose of taking suitable action in regard to the death of the Hon. ZACHARIAH CHANDLER, late chairman of the committee; and also to consider the question of fixing the time and place for holding the Republican National Convention for 1880.

WASHINGTON is the only National Capital on the face of the globe wherein municipal rights and the privilege of self-government are denied to citizens.

HOME RULE for the District of Columbia! The man who does not respond favorably to this cry is to be pitied for his servility and denunciation for his lack of public spirit.

WHERE, oh! where, is that bill to make General Grant Captain-General? Has it been laid aside as superfluous in view of the fact that he is to be Commander-in-Chief?

MORE than a fortnight has now passed since Congress met, and the sum total of the statesmanlike achievements of our dearly beloved Bourbon majority in that body is related in the history of the passage of two appropriation bills by the House. And these bills, it must be understood, required no work in their preparation or discussion in explanation of their provisions. They were, simply and plainly, a mere iteration of the estimates of Republican officials in the Executive Departments.

SAM COX still insists that the Tammany Democracy did a noble thing and a good thing when they stabbed TILDEN and ROBINSON in the back during the late fall elections. Perhaps it was a good thing, politically speaking; but by the same token the nobility of it is not so apparent, and there is a question whether the stabbing was so effective as Mr. Cox would have us all believe. It certainly does not appear that the stab was any worse off than the stabber, and the prospect is that both will be most decisively stabbed when the next stabber-match comes off.

THE NATIONAL REPUBLICAN has lately increased the expense of its daily production by printing its news in smaller type than heretofore and re-enforcing its corps of newsgatherers. Our readers will notice, however, that even with this condensation of reading matter, which enables us to print at least four columns of additional news, our advertising patronage is so great as to crowd us for space at all times. Meanwhile our daily cotemporary at the other end of the Avenue has reduced its size and space, a fact which shows, possibly, that the rain of prosperity has not descended with overwhelming copiousness upon the heads of the unjust.

THE *Post* yesterday appeared in an alleged new typographical outfit and reduced in size something more than a column. By narrowing the width and shortening the length of its columns it saves much of the expense of composition, and gives to its readers more than a column less of the products of its peculiar style of journalism. But it would have been the manly and straightforward organ for the Great National Democratic Organ to have acknowledged this reduction in size while boasting of its new dress, and to have explained that this enforced economy on its part is, perhaps, in keeping with the impoverished prospects of the Democratic party generally.

THERE is not a man, woman or child in the District who would not gladly hail the announcement that either the Democratic or Republican National Convention is to be held in Washington next year. But no such announcement will be made, for the simple reason that under our present system of municipal government, whereby a proper public spirit and all personal interest in political affairs are the very reverse of being fostered, no one feels encouraged to come forward with the necessary calls for public meetings, subscriptions and arrangements for the appointment of committees, &c., &c. The Republican National Committee will meet at the Arlington tomorrow for the purpose of calling the convention for that party; but it is to be doubted whether the name of the city of Washington will even be mentioned in connection with that call.

THE pretended ignorance of Mr. SULLY, of Alabama, and other Southern Bourbon Representatives regarding the exodus and its causes would astonish the public generally and convict him and them of an utter lack of a proper understanding of the affairs of their own States, if it were true. But it is not true, and the investigation of the movement proposed by him is, as every intelligent man knows, a covert demonstration for the eventual distortion of the truth regarding the begin. A report

upon this subject from a committee of the present House, with Mr. SULLY or any other Southern Bourbon as its chairman, will not be worth the paper it is written upon except as an evidence of the ability of the writer thereof to conceal facts and pervert the real meaning and cause connected with this matter. It has been by the wholesale repression—to use the mildest term and not to refer to wholesale murder—of the black vote of the South that he and his fellows have been returned to Congress the past six or eight years. And they have one and all so misrepresented the facts regarding their return as to impudently assume that the blacks have lately joined the Democratic party and voted the Democratic ticket. As a matter of course, Mr. SULLY's report, if he has brass enough to make one, will be of a piece with this assumption, and the world will be told therein that the blacks are fleeing from political and social evil; that they are enticed by promises of "forty acres and a mule," and that Republican emissaries have overspread the South for the fell purpose of overthrowing and disturbing the law-abiding (?) placidity of Home Rule. In short, Mr. SULLY is getting ready to defend the bloody political diabolism of the South against an attack upon its most vulnerable point.

IN RICHMOND TO-DAY.

To-day will witness the victory of General WILLIAM MAHON over the Bourbons of Virginia, illustrated in his election to the United States Senate as the successor of Senator WITHERS. Years ago this man MAHON made a fight for the supremacy of the Conservative party in that State and won, but was not permitted to share in the fruits of success. Since then it has been his sole object in life to bring those who cheated him out of his victory to a satisfactory account. With this object in view, and with superlative craftiness, combined with mastery and daring leadership, he has spread dissension in their ranks, sowed the seed of discord, and finally, making use of an ill-considered issue over the State debt, has organized conquest out of confusion.

His election will be, consequently, a personal victory in the most emphatic sense. But the question remains to be settled whether, as the result of that personal achievement, he will be enabled to pursue an independent or non-partisan course in the future; whether his pledges to the Republicans for the reform of obnoxious systems will be fulfilled, and whether he will permit the logical destruction of Bourbonism in Virginia to ensue, or whether, like all of his predecessors in Southern Independence, he will return from his successful exploiting with the opposition directly into the Democratic camp?

We are inclined from what we know of the man and of the nature of his recent canvass or campaign to hope for the best at his hands, and to trust him as an honest reformer until he proves to be the contrary. And this trust is our answer to the foregoing questions.

It is not in the nature of things, perhaps, that he should ever become an anti-Confederate Republican, so to speak, nor do we expect or demand that he ever will be. We do think, however, that so far as it is possible in State affairs for him to exert any influence for the recognition of equal political rights all around, he will do it, and we shall be greatly mistaken if, when he reaches the Senate, he shall be found voting with the State's Rights Secession Bourbons of that body.

For these reasons we shall insist that the result of to-day's contest in Richmond will be a defeat of and a rebuke to the Democracy of the Old Dominion. At least, it will record a grand stride forward in the direction of the overthrow of the accustomed Bourbon domination in that State.

NEARING THE END.

Like the Israelish mothers of old, Democracy mourneth for its sons. Unlike them, Democracy waileth not because of their death, but for their unavailability. TILDEN, THURMAN, BAYARD, HENDRICKS, &c., are found wanting, though willing, while SYMMON, the last feeble hope, is not only wanted, but will not. Yet, in its despair, the Democracy feel inspiration mingled with humiliation as the name of GRANT is presented. This inspiration is not with the Copperhead, but the fighting wing of that organization. The truth is, there can be found in each and every late Confederate State seeder of bold and defiant champions of ex-President GRANT, and their utterances are frank, determined and logical. In the West in behalf of the man who is great in war and magnanimous and just in peace, we see the mighty power of a free and enlightened people—a power which will sweep away heresies, hypocrites and traitors who have sought the Nation's life.

There now comes up from one section the despairing and bitter cry, "Death to the Union!" and there comes up from the North the courageous response, "Death to traitors and rebels!" echoed by the voice of the people, which has been characterized as the voice of God. This feeling and this purpose is crystallized in the hearty welcome that is extended everywhere in the country to the name and presence of General GRANT whenever he makes his appearance among his fellow-citizens. There is a deeper meaning to these attentions than attaches to the ordinary scope of human adulation. It is the impulse of patriotic confidence and respect, which springs from the loftiest aspirations of the heart in recognition of the noble deeds and heroic action of the man, the citizen, the statesman and the warrior, and which becomes dearer and dearer to the loyal American heart as "Death to the Union" resounds through the land.

THE Hon. WILLIAM D. KELLEY, of Pennsylvania, added something to his favorable notoriety at a public by writing a series of six letters from Europe for publication in the Philadelphia *Times* last summer. These letters have now been printed in convenient pamphlet form "with notes by the author," and are issued from the press of Messrs. PORTER & COATES of Philadelphia. By way of introduction and explanation Judge KELLEY introduces this pamphlet with the following satisfactory preface:

The following letters were written with no thought of publication. They were written in private, and have been reprinted in compliance with many requests from correspondents on both sides of the Atlantic, and have been annotated because the author was led by his correspondents to believe that, by life

and labor, he might shed light on the question of life and death—a question of grave and world-wide importance.

PERSONAL.

Hon. E. OVERTON, Jr., of Pennsylvania, last winter, was in the city of New York, and at the Ritz Hotel.

Hon. J. MASON, of Hamilton, N. Y., is at the Ritz Hotel.

Hon. W. CONNOR, of Florida, has parlor at Willard's.

Hon. MILLS BROS. of New Jersey, is quartered at Willard's.

Hon. WILLIAM MCKINLEY, Jr., of Ohio, is at the Ritz Hotel.

Hon. W. H. BURMAN, of Iowa, arrived at the Arlington yesterday.

Hon. WALDO HUTCHINS, of New York, is among the guests at Willard's.

Hon. W. WARD, of Chester, Pa., registered at the Ritz Hotel yesterday.

Hon. J. B. HERSCHEL, of Memphis, arrived at the Ritz Hotel yesterday.

Hon. J. H. HARRIS, of New York, took parlor at Willard's yesterday.

Hon. JOHN C. NEW, of Indianapolis, is among the guests at the Ritz Hotel.

Hon. EDWARD S. BRADY, of Wisconsin, is registered at the Ritz Hotel.

Hon. JEWELL CLAYTON, of Arkansas, is among the guests at the Ritz Hotel.

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